

SIERRA – SAN JOAQUIN NOXIOUS WEED ALLIANCE
Fresno, Madera, Mariposa Counties Weed Management Area

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 11th, 2001

Agenda Overview:

1. Introductions
 2. Minutes/Agenda Approval
 3. Senate Bill 1740 – Updates and progress reports for each project/county, End of year reporting
Scott Johnson-Wilber-Ellis representative & member of the SB-1740 oversight committee
 4. Education Outreach – New Booklet, Workshop, Newspaper Articles
 5. Items for next agenda
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1. **Attendees:** Wain Johnson, Mariposa UC Co-op Extension; Jenny Gabor, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Madera; Toby Horst, Sierra Resource Conservation District; Peggy Moore, US Geological Survey; Fred Rinder, Fresno County; Roscoe Rowney, CA Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection; Doug Edwards; Fresno County; Terry Sandridge, Sierra RCD/Southern Ca Edison; Lisa Ordonez, National Park Service; Gary Hickman, UC Co-op Extension in Mariposa; Scott Johnson, Wilber-Ellis & SB-1740 oversight committee; Christal Niederer, National Park Service; David Durham, USDA, NRCS Fresno; Johnnie Collum, Cal Trans; Bob Kerber, Cal Trans
 2. **Minutes/Agenda Approval:** Changes will be sent to Jenny Gabor for the June meeting minutes to be revised and approved. The final draft will be sent to Peggy Moore who will forward them to the CDFA web master at www.cdfa.ca.gov/wma as a PDF file.
 3. **SB 1740 updates:**
Scott Johnson, a Wilbur-Ellis representative and a member of the SB-1740 oversight committee joined our meeting to get updates on our progress. In his update he emphasized monitoring and public education should be a focus for all weed management areas. For 2002 SB-1740 funds, WMAs will receive 80% of the their 2001 amount. The 20% difference will go into a competitive pool.
Scott also informed us about El Dorado County's WMA working with local chemical companies to fund coupons to landowner's for Transline provided they complete an informational course. Bill Snodgrass or Wendy West should be contacted for more information.

Fresno County:

Roll over funds have been sent to Steve Schoenig: \$0 purple starthistle, \$4900 for yellow starthistle, and \$1,150 for skeleton weed. Seasonal employees can be dropped from 4.5 to 1 for next year.

Photos of yellow starthistle in the Mineral Springs area are available if needed for projects.

Skeleton weed: 35,000 acres have been surveyed to find 1,050 of the acres infested. 25 acres were sprayed from the boundaries of McKinley south/Hwy 99 east and Selma/Kingsburg. Target areas will be surveyed by August and a half-mile intense survey will be conducted where skeleton weed was found. Round up was used on bolt-stage plants and Transline on rosette stage. Funds for skeleton weed may need to be restructured for 2002.

Purple Starthistle: Tasks are complete for purple star thistle. Hand removals have been completed two times. Fresno County may not need funds for 2002. Documentation has been done with GPS sites. Surveying was done at the beginning of the season. Sites with known infestations will be revisited the end of September. More GPS will be done the following spring.

Tocalote/Yellow Starthistle: 1,900 miles of county roads and community service areas were surveyed (950 mi. up and back) to find 265 acres infested with yellow starthistle. Surveying should be done on the east-side of the county by the end of this week. Surveying should be near completion. A possible task for next year is to spray county roads with Transline in the Dunlap, Pinehurst Squaw Valley areas along the fence-lines (8 ft. average).

PAT Group: Terry reported 40+ acres have been sprayed in the Linson Lane and Tollhouse Road areas. Re-treatments were performed and the area is said to be 90% clean. Scott Johnson suggested all hours should be documented and reported as in-kind service. The PAT group was funded \$6,000 and \$5,980 were used.

Madera County:

Don Mayeda and Jeannine Koshear were not present to make reports for Madera.

Mariposa County:

Iberian starthistle: Piney Creek mapping has been completed. \$5,500 was spent and \$2,500 were rolled over.

Yellow starthistle: CDF crews hand pulled weeds in Big Spring hill and Merced Canyon areas. 85 acres have been sprayed on cost share.

Ann Mendershausen of Mariposa RCD has the mapping of tocalote, yellow starthistle, klamath weed, and italian thistle about 80% completed.

60 acres are not reflected on this year's report due to an accounting issue.

Next year Mariposa County will be going to the owners with known infestations rather than announcing the removal program to the public to make things easier.

Forest Service:

Joanna Clines was not present to give a Forest Service update

Cal Trans

District 6 consists of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, and Madera counties, a portion of Mariposa

District 10 contains Mariposa County

Hwy 198 has been spot sprayed on 28 acres with 200 lbs active ingredient of Transline 8 feet from the shoulder.

180 acres were mowed east to the Friant-Kern Canal

Hwys 41/49 were spot sprayed with Roundup

3. Education Outreach:

Top 10 Noxious Weed Brochures Dave Durham reported that Navelencia may have money set aside to print more brochures for distribution.

New Booklets A tentative meeting is set for August 8th at 8:30 am to meet with Pam Rank. Peggy, Jenny, Joanna, and Wain our booklet committee.

Pat Gallegos, a representative from the Mountain Press Newspaper of the Prather, Auberry, Tollhouse area has written an article about our weed management area. Terry Sandridge will bring a copy to the next meeting for the group to read.

4. **Dates to remember:** August 17th, Noxious Weed Steering Committee Meeting, Sacramento
September 14th, work plans for years 2/3 SB-1740 monies due

Future agenda items: SB 1740 proposals for next year
Available quantities of Top 10 brochures

- To be in WMA Web site:**
1. SB-1740 proposal (31 pages), AB-1168
 2. Meeting Minutes dating back to April 1998
 3. Monitoring Standards (revised by Peggy)
 4. Brochures
 5. Directions and contact (Joanna) to meeting
 6. Workshop, meeting and important dates
 7. Additions to CDFA calendar with all meetings and events
 8. **Newspaper article from Mountain Press**